

Senate File 2103 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for alternative teacher licensure of
2 individuals with relevant professional employment
3 experience.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 272.2, Code 2016, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 20. Adopt rules to issue an alternative
4 license for teaching at any grade level from prekindergarten
5 through grade twelve to an applicant who has not graduated from
6 an approved practitioner preparation program but who, at a
7 minimum, holds a bachelor's degree and has completed at least
8 five consecutive years of successful, adequate employment in a
9 profession related to the subject area in which the individual
10 may be licensed to teach under this subsection.

11 a. An individual who successfully completes a two-year
12 probationary period in a school district or accredited
13 nonpublic school under an alternative license, and who shows
14 evidence of successful completion of a state-approved mentoring
15 and induction program, and who demonstrates competence as
16 determined by a comprehensive evaluation of the teacher's
17 performance and the performance of the teacher's students,
18 may be issued an extended alternative license. An extended
19 alternative license issued under this subsection is valid for
20 three years and, if the individual shows evidence of competence
21 as determined by a summative evaluation of the teacher's
22 performance and the performance of the teacher's students, may
23 be renewed, but shall not be renewed more than twice.

24 b. An individual whose final, extended alternative license
25 has expired may again be licensed under this chapter as
26 follows:

27 (1) If the individual successfully has completed a
28 practitioner preparation program, the individual may convert
29 the extended alternative license to a standard teaching
30 license.

31 (2) If the individual completes at least five additional
32 consecutive years of successful, adequate employment in a
33 profession related to the subject area in which the individual
34 may be licensed, the individual may be issued a renewable
35 three-year extended alternative license in the manner provided

1 in paragraph "a".

2 c. A teacher issued a license under this subsection who
3 is employed by a school district shall be compensated in
4 accordance with the provisions of chapter 284.

5 EXPLANATION

6 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
7 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

8 This bill authorizes the board of educational examiners to
9 adopt rules to issue an alternative license for teaching at any
10 grade level from prekindergarten to grade 12 to an applicant
11 who has not graduated from an approved practitioner preparation
12 program but who, at a minimum, holds a bachelor's degree and
13 has completed at least five consecutive years of successful,
14 adequate employment in a profession related to the subject area
15 in which the individual may be licensed to teach.

16 An individual who successfully completes a two-year
17 probationary period under a two-year initial alternative
18 license, successfully completes a mentoring and induction
19 program, and demonstrates competence as determined by a
20 comprehensive evaluation of the teacher's performance and
21 the performance of the teacher's students, may be issued
22 a three-year extended alternative license. The extended
23 alternative license may be renewed not more than twice.

24 Once the individual's final extended alternative license
25 has expired, the individual may again be licensed by the board
26 if the individual has successfully completed a practitioner
27 preparation program or returns to the workplace for another
28 five consecutive years in a profession related to the subject
29 area in which the individual may be licensed to teach.

30 A teacher issued an alternative license who is employed by
31 a school district must be compensated in accordance with the
32 provisions of Code chapter 284.